

- Public Administration - Meaning, nature & Scope -

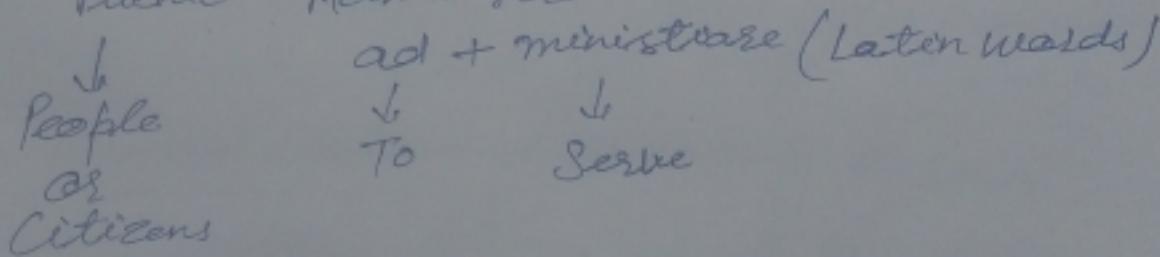
Introduction -

Public Administration is

- a newly emerged discipline compare to other social science, & discipline.
- gained importance since the dawn of administrative state.
- As ancient as Greek, Roman and Indian Civilisations as art of statecraft.
- Kautilya, 'Arthashastra' contributed large scale in administrative system.

Meaning — The term Public Administration consists of two words, Public and Administration.

Public Administration



Simply Pub. Ad. → To serve people

- In common language it means the management of affairs or looking after the people.
- Broadly Pub. Ad. is centrally concerned with the organisation of government policies and programmes as well as the behaviour of officials (usually non-electively responsible for their conduct).

According to former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson Pub. Ad. is detailed and systematic execution of public policy and law, every particular application of general law is an act of administration.

Nature of Pub. Ad.

Integral View

Public Administration is/are

- sum total of all the activities undertaken in pursuit of and in fulfillment of public policy.
- Not only managerial or clerical but manual and technical
- Activities of all persons from top to bottom
- Scholars like L. D. White and Marshal E. Demock have common views regarding.

Managerial View

Public Administration is/are

- Works of only those persons who are engaged in the function of management related
- Functions of planning, programming and organise all the activities in an organisation.
- Luther Gullick and Herbert Simon subscribe this view.

The famous POSDCORB view of Luther Gullick and Lyndall Urwick on Pub. Ad.

- P - Planning
- O - Organising
- S - Staffing
- D - Directing
- Co - Coordinating
- R - Reporting
- B - Budgeting

Scope of Public Administration

In the modern time Pub Ad. has a pivotal role. There are many discussions about the scope of scope of Pub. Ad. Some scholars argue that in the modern and globalized world, the scope of Pub. Ad. is very less and private organisations are playing more role in society. On the other hand, some other scholars argue that in modern time due to environmental and technological issues, Pub. Ad. plays vital role. The scope of Pub. Ad deals in many ways -

- Public Administration and People - Being closely associated with public policy, Pub. Ad. has close relationship with people. No wonder Pub. Ad. stands for people at large.
- Public Administration and Democracy - In a democratic political system, Pub. Ad. might be termed as backbone. Pub. Ad. has to execute public policies successfully, at the same time it has had worked as welfare organisation.

The scope of Pub. Ad is increasing day by day due to -

- Development of neo-liberal state
- Concept of participatory development
- Good Governance
- E-Governance
- Environmental concerns
- New Social Movements and State.
- During emergency, the role of Pub. Ad. is more wide diverse and exclusive.
- In recent crisis of Pandemic COVID-19, Pub. Ad is playing crucial role and being lauded.